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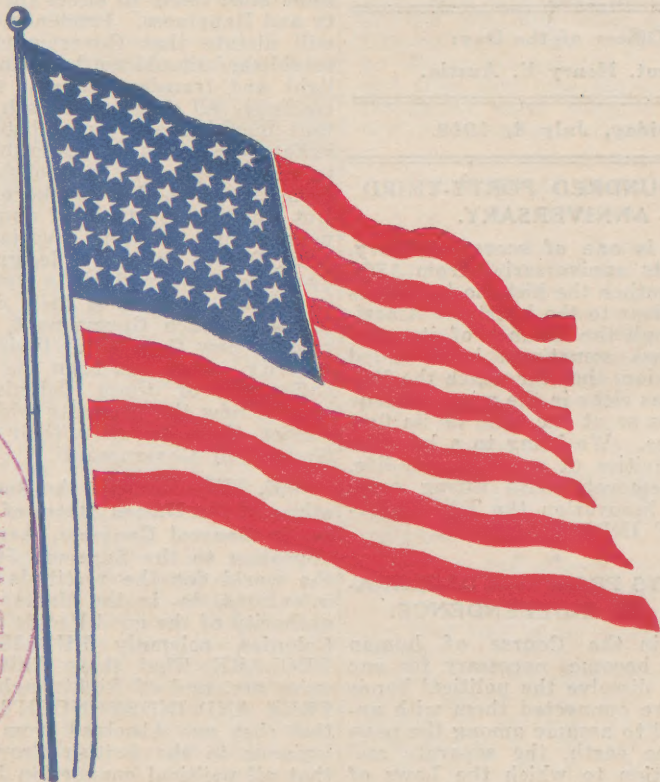
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## Our Flag

Our flag among those of nations stands pre-eminent. The world today acknowledges the supremacy of the principles for which our national emblem stands. It is not surprising that it should be so. Unwavering has been the faith of America's loyal citizens throughout the past, that the standard of the United States could naught else but win the position it now holds. Steadfast faith, going hand in hand with performance, is bound to eventually win.

Our flag has age,—and experience!

It is among the oldest flags of the nations! Older than the British Jack, the French Tri-color, and the flag of Spain; many years older than the flags of Germany and Italy. The particular flag, dearest to American memory is the original "Star-Spangled Banner," flown over Fort McHenry, in Baltimore Harbor during the bombardment in the fall of 1814. This emblem inspired Francis Scott Key's immortal poem, now sung as our National Anthem. Long may she wave,—yea, forever!



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## OUR HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Today is one of sacred memory. Around its anniversaries from 1776 to 1919 gather the historic traditions that are dear to the hearts of America. Though the manner of its celebration has sometimes been called into question, that for which the Day stands is as clear in the minds of true Americans as at the time of its first observance. We bring to a halt the usual activities of our national life, to commemorate with fitting ceremony or innovation the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them, a decent respect to the opin-

ions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the government. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

WE, THEREFORE, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly PUBLISH and DECLARE, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved;



and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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### "HE WAS OUT FOR THE MONEY"

A Hebrew fell into a river and was swimming ashore, when an Irishman shouted at him, "Don't you know there is a \$50 fine for swimming here?" The Hebrew said, "I won't pay it," put up his hands, and sank.—Trench Gas.

### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

No patriotic song has a more thrilling or inspiring history than the national anthem of our country, "The Star-Spangled Banner." It was during the war of 1812, after the British had failed to reduce Fort McHenry, the defense of Baltimore, that Francis Scott Key, held prisoner by Lord Cockburn, the British Admiral, wrote the first lines of the "Star Spangled Banner." Key had gone to the flagship under a flag of truce for the purpose of requesting the release of a friend who was being held as a prisoner. The British Admiral had just completed his plans for the attack on Fort McHenry, and instead of releasing Key's friend, made Key a temporary prisoner. The battle began on September 13, 1814, and lasted until the morning of the following day. From his prison ship Key watched the progress of the bombardment, hopeful but not confident that the "Stars and Stripes" would still wave above the fort when the battle ended. Now he would catch a glimpse of the flag for a second as the smoke and fog cleared away, and then it would be hidden from view again as the British guns belched forth shot, fire and smoke. Night fell and the bombardment continued. Anxiously the prisoner peer-

ed through the darkness for a glimpse of the flag. For an instant, as a bomb or a rocket would burst perilously close to its staff, he would see it, only to have darkness close in again—and with darkness came uncertainty. The hours passed slowly, but Key remained at his post, watching, hoping against hope. Morning broke at last, and above the fort "Old Glory" still floated defiantly in the breeze. The British had failed, and withdrew. It was then that Key, on the inspiration of the moment, put down the first lines or notes from which he later wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner." A week later the verses were published in a Baltimore paper, under the title of "The Defense of Fort McHenry." A short time later they were set to the tune of the old air, "To Ancreon in Heaven," and were taken up at once by the troops camped in Baltimore, and from that time the song grew in popularity until today it is given first place among our national songs.

### PERSONAL PUNCHES.

(Contributed)

WHY was Pvt. Baker not seen hanging around all day at the Red Cross Convalescent House on Tuesday last? More than a hundred have answered with no questions asked.

The way "Ezra" Shiplett talks, his masquerading as "Henry the Eighth" seems to be successful. According to his rantings, he has one for every night. Some heart breaker!

There is only one thing that will alter Miss Leon's melancholy condition, and that is a letter from "Whitty."

Smitty, you should have her wait in a more comfortable place 'till you get off duty, and not have her standing that way under a tree near the laundry.

Berg and his lady friend seem to enjoy strolling up and down the streets of Phoebus, while they pretend not to see any one.

Who is the "TAG-A-LONG?" "Pvt. Baker," shouts the chorus of five score voices.

## \$500 TO BE GIVEN PRIZE WINNERS TODAY!

### Classy Boxing and Wrestling Cards. Monster Celebration.

"THE DAY" is here, and NINE WHOOPING HURRAHS FOR THE COLORS! Then, let us get down to the business of the day, no "marking time" but FORWARD! LET'S GO!

The Post Exchange has donated \$200, the Red Cross \$100, the Y. M. C. A. \$100, and the K. of C. \$100, total \$500 in cash to promote and for prizes in addition to many beautiful and valuable medals and souvenirs—ALL FOR WINNING CONTESTANTS. A handsome souvenir for every participant. Entries may yet be made on the field this morning or just before the event. Winners will be paid on the field after each event. See Mr. Brown now. Everybody! Heads up! All together NOW! OVER THE TOP!

#### One Durn Thing After Another.

That's the way it will go. Pepper, Vim, Snap! From 9 o'clock this morning until 11 o'clock tonight. Baseball (two games), cage ball, groupe games, by the ward patients, Tennis games (officers, nurses, enlisted men, patients) AND THEN, AT 12 o'clock NOON, the big dinner at the Mess Hall.

#### Afternoon Like a Bee-Hive, Drones Stay in Your Bunks.

Had a look at the Menu! Almost "too full for words" but let us go on. Now comes the track and field events. Dashes, shot-put, discus throw, obstacle race, shoe race, mile run, high jump, tug o' war, etc. Read on! Aerial stunts by Lt. George and others, baseball game, Locals vs. Stuart, boxing and wrestling (read on—for the card) SUPER (we'll be hungry by this time). Now following the feed, is the big attraction, Vodeville and Movies, Enlisted Men's dance, Officers' and Nurses' dance, winding up the busiest day the Post has ever known, thanks to Mr. Brown and his able assistants. All day long there will be special attractions. The band will be in the thick of it all, all day,

in the evening at theatre and dances, the J. W. B. will serve ice cream cones all day, to all. OUT. THEN! The Slogan is "ALL SPORTS FOR ALL"!

#### Boxing Card.

Be on the field early and secure a printed program, giving complete list of events, the hour, and the prizes. Everything is cut and dried, no hitches, 'tis Independence Day. Briefly, here's the list of boxing and wrestling contestants.

#### Boxing—Preliminaries.

1. McGilton vs. Rumley, 3 two-minute rounds; 2. Mullen vs. Lewis, 4 two-minute rounds; 3. Nickerson vs. Taylor, 5 two-minute rounds; 4. Cooperman vs. Mickey Brooks, two-minute rounds.

#### 5. Semi-Finals.

Joe Simpson vs. Alonzo Wright, 6 three-minute rounds.

6. Final—The Big Bout Between Kid Tilly, Baltimore. Champion of the Navy, and Frankie Nelson, ex-champion of the Army, 10 three-minute rounds.

#### Wrestling.

1. E. F. Shepard, light weight champion of the Post, 145 lbs., vs. Unknown of the Navy.

2. Frank Fisher, heavy weight champion of the Post, 180 lbs., vs. Unknown heavy weight of the Navy.

Round by round results of the Willard-Dempsey Championship fight at Toledo will be given as wired in, during the progress of the above boxing program.

Prizes are to be on display at the Post Exchange this morning, and will be given out at the athletic field upon receipt being signed by the winners, at the J. W. B. field desk, on grounds.

LET'S SEE WHAT STUFF WE ARE MADE OF! TODAY WILL TELL THE STORY. UP 43!

#### DELIGHTFUL OUT-DOOR CONCERT.

was given again Wednesday afternoon by the Post Band.

LOST—Key ring, holding bunch of about ten keys! Finder please return to office of Gee Aitch 43.